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Deputy Mayor Atkins Allocates Funds To Keep Bud Kearns Pool Open Through October 31

SAN DIEGO -- Swimmers of all ages who frequent Bud Kearns Swimming Pool at the Morley Field Complex in Balboa Park will be able to enjoy an extra month of swimming this fall with the recent announcement of a \$27,600 allocation of Proposition 40 park funds by Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins. The pool had been scheduled to close for three months on September 30 pursuant to the city's Fiscal Year 2006 budget.

Responding to numerous calls and e-mails from constituents asking that the pool be kept open one month longer, Atkins, who represents the Third Council District which includes all of Balboa Park, identified the necessary funds among state park bond moneys over which she has discretionary control.

"One of the toughest cuts we had to make this year during our budget deliberations was to our funding levels for civic pool operations during three non-summer months," said Atkins. "But the groundswell of support from my constituents to keep Bud Kearns Pool open for an additional month prompted me to look for some discretionary funds to help keep the pool open throughout October. I'm pleased that we'll be able to keep the pool open during a month that gets a lot of use by swimmers who frequent the pool on a regular basis."

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